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SILT HAPPENS

Whitefield residents concerned about inefficiency of mechanised sweepers as area's roads laden with silt and mud

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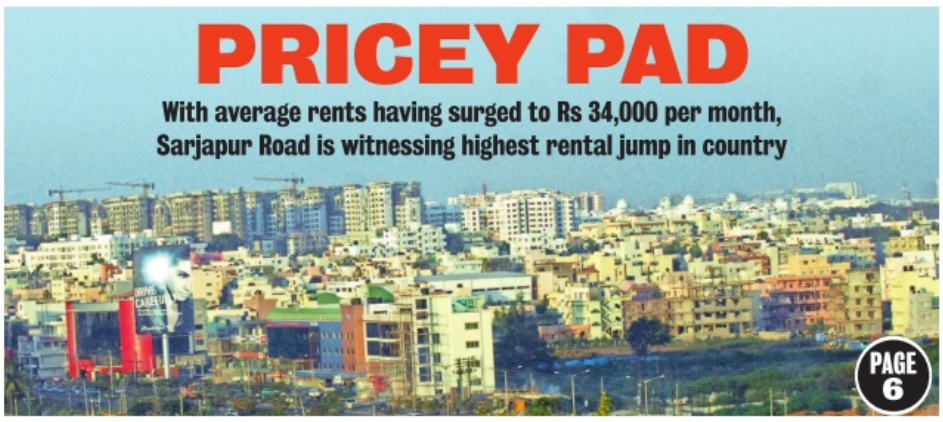

PRICEY PAD

With average rents having surged to Rs 34,000 per month, Sarjapur Road is witnessing highest rental jump in country

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Across the city, fountains lack maintenance as its stagnant waters turn breeding ground for mosquitoes and turn health hazard

FOUNTAIN DREAD

Some fountains that have gone dry are being used as dustbins

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State of fountain at Cubbon Park

Fountains are supposed to improve air quality and reduce pollution in Bengaluru and certainly not supposed to be a health hazard. But the condition of a water fountain near the skywalk on Kempe Gowda Road in Bengaluru West reveals these are just turning into breeding places for mosquitoes.

The BBMP health department or solid waste management are responsible for ensuring that water fountains remain neat and clean.

It is said the fountain in Kempe Gowda Road was constructed by the BBMP and handed over to Navayuga Hotel management who installed the bust of Kannada matinee idol Dr Rajkumar adjacent to the fountain.

It is said the BBMP used to supply water to the fountain from a borewell dug up by it some years ago. However, water pipes connecting the borewell and the water fountain were damaged when the BBMP developed the Subedar Chatram Road more than a year ago.

"The BBMP officials have assured us that the water supply pipes

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> **"The courtyard fountain within BBMPs Head Office is no better shape. Some large and small fountains within parks are also not well maintained, perhaps not scoped in the contract**
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> —R Rajagopalan, Bengaluru Residents Welfare Association

Feeling under the weather

Monsoon came soon, but so far quantity of rain is less and reservoir levels are dipping

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Despite the monsoon having arrived earlier than anticipated, its impact has been minimal so far, with many reservoirs still awaiting significant inflows. For instance, the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) reservoir is receiving only 1,849 cusecs of water during what should be the peak monsoon.

Concerns are mounting that if the monsoon fails to intensify soon, the state, and particularly Bengaluru, may face a severe water crisis similar to last year.

Examining the rainfall statistics reveals a mixed scenario. In the past seven days, Karnataka was expected to receive 52 mm of rainfall but has only received 32 mm, resulting in a 39% deficit. Bengaluru Urban experienced 168 mm of rainfall against the expected 138 mm during the pre-monsoon period (March 1 to May 31), reflecting a 22% excess. From June 1 to 18, Bengaluru recorded 85 mm of rainfall compared to the average of 48 mm, marking a 78% excess. Overall, from January 1 to June 18, Bengaluru's normal rainfall was projected to be 191 mm, but the actual received was 258 mm, which is 35% more than expected.

Dip, dip

Due to inadequate rainfall across the state, water storage levels in reservoirs are

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2 THINGS TO DO

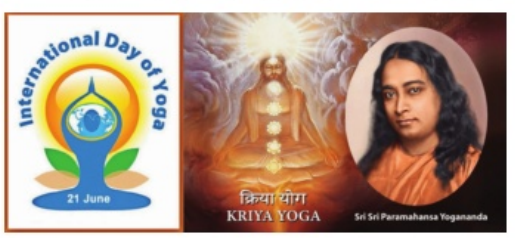
01 Comedy-folk musical

Watch 'Sakal Jaani he Naath,' a comedy folk musical adapted from Vasant Deo and Sudama ke Chawal. It revisits the famed mythological fable about Lord Krishna and his childhood friend Sudama. A tragic comedy that explores the narrative of the contemporary human situation. The play runs parallel with Narottam Das's Sudamacharit, and their verses are sung in the folk tunes of Doha and Behre Tavil.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
When: June 19, 7:30 pm

02 Euphoric tunes

Prepare to be dazzled by the live performance of Job Kurian, the illustrious Indian singer and composer, at Shantiniketan Mall. The three and a half-hour event will feature a grand production setup, ensuring a sensational experience, and promises to be an unforgettable evening for music enthusiasts of all ages.
Where: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield
When: June 22, 6:30 pm onwards

Holistic wellness



The International Day of Yoga holds significance beyond its global celebration, particularly delving into spiritual realms. Rooted in the concept of 'union with God,' yoga transcends mere physical exercises, as elucidated by Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda. His teachings, notably in "Autobiography of a Yogi," emphasise meditation as pivotal in the quest for self-realisation. According to a release, "Kriya Yoga, extolled as the supreme yogic pathway, integrates scientific techniques to enhance physical and mental well-being while fostering inner peace and divine communion. Yogananda's guidance underscores its accessibility to all seekers, echoing Lord Krishna's praise in the Bhagavad Gita." The Yogoda Satsanga Society of India (YSS), founded by Yogananda, continues to illuminate these teachings globally. "Many, like devotees at YSS events, testify to life-altering transformations through Kriya Yoga practice, affirming its timeless relevance in spiritual evolution. For more information, visit yssi.org."

Wheels of protest
Aam Aadmi Party workers held a protest on Tuesday in Freedom Park over the issue of a hike in petrol and diesel prices in the state

Ethical crisis: Child rights protector shields offender

Public expresses shock & dismay over CWC member's dual role in POCSO case

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Ideally, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) members are expected to work for the welfare of children who are in need of care. Now, let us imagine a scenario where a member of the CWC allegedly represents the accused in a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) case. What happens then? In a shocking turn of events, a CWC member represented the accused in a POCSO case. This incident took place in Udupi, where the CWC member filed an application in Udupi District and Sessions Court seeking anticipatory bail for an accused in a POCSO case.

The incident compelled Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Chairman (KSCPCR) K Naganna Gowda to write a letter to the Directorate of Child Protection seeking a report on the unfortunate incident and to take suitable action against Akhil B Hegde, a member of CWC, Udupi, for representing the accused in the POCSO case. "I wrote a letter to the

Directorate of Child Protection. No CWC member should work against the welfare of children. I want Akhil B Hegde to quit as a CWC member and focus on his profession as an advocate if he wants to earn money. The CWC members are supposed to work for the welfare of children and certainly not to support the accused persons in POCSO cases," said KSCPCR Chairman. He further said that it is alleged that Hegde was present at the time of the victim narrating the incident before the CWC, Udupi, and that his behaviour was threatening the victim. "The conduct of the CWC member will hamper the progress of the investigation. I have asked the CWC Udupi to submit the report in three days," said Gowda.

Meanwhile, child rights activists have expressed shock and dismay over the CWC member allegedly working on behalf of the accused. "A CWC member has to work for the welfare of children. The CWC members get sitting fees from the CWC. It is their responsibility to help the children in need," said Prashanth, a child rights activist. Renni D'Souza, a child rights activist from Dakshina Kannada, said that no CWC member should work on behalf of the accused. "Affected children will appear before the CWC expecting justice. If a CWC member supports the accused, the child victim feels betrayed," she said.

Meanwhile, Hegde said that he has already withdrawn as counsel for the accused person. "I signed the document because the accused numbers one and two are advocates. I am of the opinion that some people with vested interests are maligning my image," he added.

VK Property Expo to be held this Saturday & Sunday

Are you planning to buy your dream home or plots in and around Bengaluru? The much-anticipated VK Property Expo is back, offering a golden opportunity for prospective homeowners and real estate investors. The event will take place on June 22 and 23 at Chandra Sagar Kalyana Mahal, Jayanagar Second Block, near Ashoka Pillar. The expo will be open from 10 am to 6 pm, and entry is completely free.

The VK Property Expo brings together some of the most reputed real estate developers, showcasing a wide range of properties that are RERA/BDA/BMRDA approved and have undergone DC conversion. Attendees will have the chance to explore a variety of residential options, from luxurious apartments to spacious plots, all in prime locations around Bengaluru.

This event is an excellent opportunity for potential buyers to interact directly with developers, ask questions, and gain insights into the current real estate market. Whether you're a

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first-time homebuyer or looking to invest in property, the VK Property Expo promises to provide valuable information and exclusive deals that cater to diverse needs and budgets. It aims to simplify the home-buying process by bringing together all necessary resources under one roof. Attendees can expect to find detailed information on property approvals, financing options, and the latest trends in real estate development. Additionally, expert consultants will be available to offer personalised advice and guide visitors through the entire process of purchasing a home or plot.

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Shoddy maintenance is weakening flyover

Rajajinagar MLA inspects troubled West of Chord Road flyover, urges BBMP to take action

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The flyover on West of Chord Road continues to hit the headlines for the wrong reasons. Previously, it was in the news for a delay of more than 18 months. Later on, it once again made a reappearance when bulges and cracks developed on the flyover 18 months ago. Now, it is in the news again for its poor maintenance.

Rajajinagar MLA S Suresh Kumar visited the flyover on West of Chord Road, also known as Dara Bendre Road, on Monday evening and Tuesday morning along with residents and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities.

Kumar expressed concern over the poor maintenance of the flyover and directed the BBMP authorities to take measures for the maintenance of the flyover. "I have come across some plants growing in gaps on the retaining wall of the flyover. The growth of plants will weaken the retaining wall. Thus, I have directed the BBMP authorities to remove those plants. I have also noticed the gratings on the flyover and on the road choked with accumulated dust. It will cause flooding or water logging on the flyover," Kumar said.

The MLA said that he directed the BBMP engineers to keep the underpasses (Modi Junction and near Sujatha Talkies) in Rajajinagar Assembly constituency neat and clean to avoid flooding during the monsoon. "The BBMP has to focus not only on the construction of flyovers in the city but also on the maintenance of flyovers," Kumar added.

File photo of the inauguration of the flyover

> **BBMP has to focus not only on construction of flyovers in the city but also on their maintenance**
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> –Yashas M Naik, resident

Meanwhile, Yashas M Naik, a resident, said that he wants the BBMP engineers to take measures to ensure the maintenance of the flyover. "I am happy with our MLA visiting the flyover and directing the BBMP authorities to ensure cleanliness on the flyover," said Naik.

Expressing his views on social media, a resident suggested the MLA to make some arrangements for constructing a hump on the ramp near the National Public School to avoid road accidents. Another resident complained about the lights being off on the flyover at night for the past month. Meanwhile, the MLA said that he has already given instructions to the authorities concerned to fix the problem.

Speaking to BM, BBMP chief engineer (projects) said that he would take measures to keep the gratings free from accumulated dust to avoid water stagnation on the flyover. "I will ask my subordinates to engage workers to remove the accumulated dust and garbage on the flyover. The problem will be fixed on Thursday," the chief engineer said.

Mechanised cleaning machines not up to the task as silt gathers on road

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Residents of Whitefield have raised concerns over the inefficiency of mechanised cleaning machines allocated to Mahadevpura. Despite the presence of these machines, busy roads remain covered in silt and mud.

Directing the Mahadevapura MLA, the Whitefield Rising group questioned the machines' full capacity to clear the accumulated debris on several key roads. Varthur Main Road, a busy thoroughfare, is still laden with mud, causing significant inconvenience. Kadugodi Bridge, a single-lane road, presents a severe hazard with about a foot of mud on each side and the median, posing a risk, especially to two-wheelers, the group stated on platform X.

Local residents accuse the authorities of only conducting token clean-ups while mechanised machines lie idle. They demand the daily operation of these machines across all areas. The Mahadevapura Task Force members highlighted the shortage of mechanised sweepers in the zone. Currently, only five sweepers are operational in Mahadevapura, whereas 17 are needed to ensure thorough cleaning of all arterial roads. Clement Jayakumar from the force explained, "A total of five machines are operating in the Mahadevapura zone and three are in the division, covering roughly 90–100 km in a day. Some arterial roads are covered by the mechanised sweepers, while other roads aren't."

A mechanised cleaning machine

He further said that some roads are not fully developed with kerb stones or footpaths, making them unsuitable for mechanised sweepers. "Additionally, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has not allocated temporary dumping stops, causing delays as vehicles take 45 minutes to an hour to dump silt and return." Despite these obstacles, Jayakumar emphasised that the current machines are working effectively, with staff uploading pictures daily on a WhatsApp group to provide updates. Feedback from residents is also collected regularly. Meanwhile, dust and mud from construction sites exacerbate the situation. He called for regulations from KSPCB and BBMP to minimise dust levels, reducing the burden on sweepers.

Out of the 240 km of arterial roads in Mahadevapura, only 50 km of roads are under the Aunnual Maintenance Contract, where manual cleaning is done. Similarly, each of the five mechanised sweepers is able to sweep about 15–20 kilometres of scheduled roads. Each month, 120–130 tractor loads of silt and debris are cleared from arterial roads, and 150–180 loads of mechanised sweeping dust/silt are cleared just in Mahadevapura. BBMP must increase the number of mechanised sweepers, and identify local temporary dumping spots. All 240 km of arterial/major roads should be brought under AMC. Silt/debris and illegal C&D waste dumped in roads should be cleared, said the force. "If the above three initiatives are implemented and monitored daily, the traffic flow will improve by 25-30 per cent. It will also drastically improve the walkability experience in the locality," Jayakumar added.

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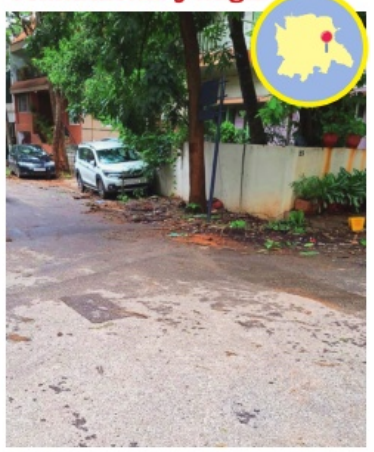
Cluttered footpath
Venkatachary Nagar



The footpath at First Cross Road, Railway Colony, Venkatachary Nagar, RMV Second Stage, is in a dreadful state, making it scary and hazardous for pedestrians.

Deadly wires
Vasanth Nagar

A maze of overhead wires at the junction of Cunningham Road and 7th Cross Vasanth Nagar is posing a dangerous situation.

Risky roads
BEML Layout

In BEML Layout, RR Nagar, several roads across Double Road dug up for water connections are causing numerous minor accidents and falls for two-wheeler riders.

Darshan's manager found dead at farmhouse

Manager's death adds to turmoil following actor's detention in Renuka Swamy murder case; police commissioner stresses commitment to justice

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In a tragic turn of events, Sridhar, the manager of popular Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, was found dead by suicide at the actor's farmhouse in Bengaluru on June 18. Sridhar, responsible for managing Darshan's affairs and property, left behind a suicide note and a video message explaining his actions. He cited deep loneliness as the primary reason for his decision and requested authorities not to involve his family in the investigation.

The suicide incident follows Darshan's recent detention in connection with the murder of Renuka Swamy. The case involves allegations that Renuka Swamy sent offensive messages to Darshan's partner, actress Pavithra Gowda. Allegedly, Darshan orchestrated a plan with his supporters to kidnap, torture, and kill Renuka Swamy.

The incident has garnered significant public attention due to the high-profile individuals involved. Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda stated that the police are committed to ensuring justice in the ongoing Renuka Swamy murder case. So far, 17 individuals have been arrested in connection with the case.

Commissioner Dayananda emphasised the swift and thorough action taken by the police, noting that any delay could have impeded the investigation. He praised the dedication of the officers involved and highlighted the importance of a methodical and evidence-based approach to the case.

"This is a terrible crime, and we must ensure that those responsible are held accountable and that justice is served for the victim's family," said Dayananda. "Our team is diligently working to gather and present evidence in court. We ask the media for their support and patience to see this case through to its conclusion."

Darshan's fans gathered outside the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Mysuru, where police conducted a Mahazar

Police took two of the accused in the case, to Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in Mysuru for a spot inspection

Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara, after meeting with Renuka Swamy's family, asserted that there is no need to transfer the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), as the local police are conducting a diligent and unbiased investigation. He reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

To handle the sensitive nature of the case, the investigation has been entrusted to an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) level officer, with ACP Vijayanagar leading a special team comprising inspectors, sub-inspectors, and other personnel. The Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) is overseeing the entire investigation to ensure thoroughness and transparency, said the police.

In a recent development, Bengaluru police took Nagaraj and Lakshman, two accused individuals, to the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in Mysuru for a spot inspection. It was from this hotel that Darshan was taken into custody on June 11, following the filming of his new movie, "Devil."

Volunteers come together to transform govt schools in K'taka

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A dedicated group of Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) employees, software engineers, and other professionals have come together to give a wholesome transformation to schools in Karnataka. Recently, the Karnataka Bala Sena team painted and beautified an old Kannada government school in Bochihalli Village, Kadaba Hobli, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District. This initiative, supported by local villagers, aims to improve the learning environment and boost student attendance in government schools.

The Karnataka Bala Sena, a newly formed team, focuses on contributing to Karnataka's development through various community service projects. These include renovating government schools, conducting plastic drives to clean the environment, restoring historical temples, and raising awareness about Karnataka's freedom fighters.

The group's efforts are not limited to school renovations. In August, on the birth anniversary of Karnataka freedom fighter Sangolli Rayanna, the team organised an awareness campaign. They roamed around Lalbagh and metro stations in Bengaluru, holding flexes and boards with information about Rayanna, educating both locals and outsiders about his contributions.

Beautification of the government school in Bochihalli Village

In addition to these educational initiatives, the Karnataka Bala Sena has tackled environmental issues. In the Bisile Ghat and Subramanya forest zones, they conducted a plastic drive, collecting around 1.5 tons of plastic from the roadside. This effort highlights the team's commitment to preserving Karnataka's natural beauty and promoting environmental sustainability.

The team also undertook the renovation of a historical temple built by Kempegowda in Huliyur Durga. Volunteers cleaned the temple surroundings and painted the structure, restoring its former glory. Such initiatives help preserve Karnataka's rich cultural heritage for future generations.

The Karnataka Bala Sena is a diverse group of volunteers from various professions, including government employees, software engineers, BMTC employees, businessmen, and contract workers. This diversity enriches their projects with a wide range of skills and perspectives.

Reflecting on their recent projects, a team member said, "We have renovated government schools in Chikkaballapura, Bellur Cross, and now in Gubbi Taluk by painting the entire school and providing essential items for children. These efforts aim to create a conducive learning environment for students and encourage them to attend school regularly."

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Police operations: Robberies, trafficking, thefts busted

In recent police operations across the city, significant progress has been made in curbing criminal activities, said Bengaluru police. In a recent incident, two people involved in a robbery case were apprehended by the Banaswadi police, who recovered stolen items valued at Rs 1,60,000. In a separate operation, Banaswadi Police Station raided a local hotel and arrested the owner on human trafficking charges. During this raid, two foreign nationals were rescued, and an investigation is currently underway to uncover further details.

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Highest rental jumps in India for Sarjapur Road

Year's first quarter saw rents in area spike to Rs 34,000, followed by Whitefield where a place to live may cost you Rs 32,500 per month; more spikes expected

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Bengaluru is witnessing significant rises in rental rates, marking a turnaround from the pandemic's 'To Let' board-laden days. In prime areas like Sarjapur Road and Whitefield, rental prices are escalating every quarter. By the end of 2023, Sarjapur Road averaged Rs 31,600 per month, while Whitefield stood at Rs 30,200. This year's first quarter saw spikes to Rs 34,000 in Sarjapur Road and Rs 32,500 in Whitefield. Projections for the second quarter predict further increases to Rs 35,000 and Rs 33,700 respectively.

The ANAROCK Group's research report highlighted these shifts, noting a 4 per cent rise in Whitefield's standard 2 BHK rental rates, reaching Rs 35,000 from Rs 32,500 in Q1 2024. Quarterly jumps were pronounced, with Q1 2024 showing increases of 8 per cent compared to Q4 2023. Across top cities, residential rents saw a 2-4 per cent growth in Q2 2024, following a more substantial 4-9 per cent surge in Q1 2024. The entry of new housing stock is stabilising speculative rental spikes, particularly evident in Bengaluru's Whitefield and Noida's Sector 150, which experienced 4 per cent quarterly growth in Q2 2024.

Bird's eye view of Sarjapur Road

> **Just months ago, rent was Rs 30,200; now it's Rs 35,000. These hikes compel us to reconsider our plans**
>
> –Anitha Rao, a resident of Whitefield

Looking ahead, over 5.31 lakh units are expected to be completed in 2024 across India's top seven cities, with the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and National Capital Region (NCR) contributing significantly.

Rajesh Kumar, a Sarjapur Road resident, expressed concern over the escalating rents: "Last year, I paid Rs 31,000 for a 2 BHK; now it's Rs 34,000. Managing these alongside other costs is challenging." Anitha Rao, from Whitefield, echoed similar sentiments: "Just months ago, rent was Rs 30,200; now it's Rs 35,000. These hikes compel us to reconsider our plans."

Santhosh Kumar, Vice Chairman of ANAROCK Group, explained the rental dynamics: "Typically, rents rise in Q2 due to new academic year and hiring. This year, growth is tempered by increased housing supply." He projected a 22 per cent increase in new units delivered in 2024 compared to 2023.

In Noida's Sector 150, rents rose 4 per cent to Rs 25,000 from Rs 24,000 in Q1 2024, with a 9 per cent quarterly increase seen earlier. Sohna Road and Dwarka in Delhi NCR saw Q2 2024 increases of 3 per cent and 2 per cent respectively, following higher Q1 2024 hikes. In Mumbai's Chembur and Mulund, Q2 2024 rent rises were moderate at 2 per cent, contrasting with over 4 per cent in Q1 2024. Hyderabad's HITECH City and Gachibowli recorded 3 per cent increases each in Q2 2024, after a 5 per cent rise in Q1 2024.

IN BRIEF

Power outage in several areas this week

There will be no power supply on Wednesday in the following areas between 10 am and 3 pm due to periodic maintenance work by the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited: Vishwapriya Layout, Begur Koppa Road, Devarachikkanahalli, Akshyanagara, Tejaswini Nagar, Hiranandani Apartment, and surrounding areas. Additionally, there will be no power on Thursday between 10 am and 3 pm in Weavers Colony, Gottigere, Mantapa, Puravankara, AMC College, Ragihalli, Kasaraguppe, Shivanahalli, and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, HSR Layout Division, BESCOM. **BMB**

HC grants bail to Bhavani Revanna

The High Court granted anticipatory bail to Bhavani Revanna, mother of Prajwal Revanna, former JD(S) MP and a key figure in a sex video scandal. She sought bail in a kidnap case linked to the scandal, with restrictions on her movement in Mysuru and Hassan districts. The court noted her compliance with police questioning but clarified she need not answer specific questions. Currently, she is facing an inquiry by the Special Investigation Team regarding a maid's alleged abduction and assault involving Prajwal Revanna and her husband, MLA HD Revanna. MLA Revanna was previously incarcerated and is now on conditional release. **BMB**

BM Education

BCU to offer courses in artificial intelligence

Bengaluru City University expands educational horizons with budget-friendly tech programmes previously exclusive to private colleges

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Bengaluru City University (BCU) has launched new courses in cutting-edge fields such as artificial intelligence, data science, and technology, offering them at an affordable fee.

Previously, these courses were only accessible in private universities and autonomous colleges at a higher cost. Commencing from the academic year 2024-25, the university has initiated the admission process for these courses. This move enables students to pursue these sought-after courses at a reduced cost, with BCU hosting the programmes on its campus, including specialised BC courses.

Sources said that this initiative by BCU is making high-demand courses more accessible and economical for students, which were previously only available at a premium in private institutions. In addition to these developments, the university's women's college offers a diverse range of courses, including regular programmes like BCom, BSc (Fashion and Apparel Design), BBM (Business Analytics), along with industry-integrated courses in the Commerce Department, and language programmes in Kannada, English, Hindi, French, and German. Furthermore, technology-related courses such as BCA (Artificial Intelligence), BCA (Data Science), BSc (Computer Science), and BSc (Mathematics) are also available, reflecting the university's focus on industry-relevant and emerging technologies.

A survey conducted by the university to assess student interest in these new courses received an overwhelming response, with over 500 students indicating their interest. This surge in interest is anticipated to result in a high number of admissions this academic year. Prospective students can conveniently apply online through the UUCMS portal (uucms.karnataka.gov.in) and obtain further information from the BCU website. Professor Lingaraj Gandhi, the Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University, emphasised the university's commitment to providing students with job-oriented courses that align with market demands. "Students can capitalise on these opportunities and take advantage of the university's efforts to offer relevant and accessible education," he said.

HC interim order allows BTC to conduct racing, betting

Adhere to provisions of law, but state govt at liberty to monitor, regulate operations when required, says court

Karnataka government had suspended BTC's licence on April 1 and that caused significant losses to stakeholders particularly owners who have invested big

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The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday stayed the Karnataka government's decision to deny licence to the Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) to conduct racing operations. The court, in its order passed, permitted the BTC to conduct racing including off-course betting operations on races conducted at the other premier racing centres as per the schedule of racing submitted to the government along with its application seeking licence, by adhering to the provisions of law and the conditions framed by the government in its earlier licence granted for races conducted in the winter season (March). this year. Justice Krishna Kumar in his interim order made it clear that the state government is at liberty to monitor and regulate racing operations when required.

The Karnataka government had suspended BTC's licence on April 1 and that caused significant losses to the stakeholders particularly the owners who have invested big in the game. The government contested that there was a definite violation of the conditions of licence. The government authorities cited the chargesheet filed against a sizable number of bookmakers for evading tax payments and illegally collecting betting amounts in the premises of the club on all race days. and further investigation being carried out by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) Bengaluru in this regard.

BTC approached the court on May 20 complaining about the non-consideration of its application for licence by the government. The legal counsel of the club pointed out that though CCB was conducting investigation since January 2024, the licence was granted to run racing activities in the winter season till the end of March 2024. The Court then directed the government to take a decision by June 6. The Finance and Home departments in their separate orders passed on June 6, rejected the applications citing criminal cases against a couple of individuals connected with the club and the bookmakers. The BTC then quickly filed an amended petition challenging the legality of the rejection.

The Karnataka Trainers Association (KTA) and the Karnataka Racehorse Owners Association (KROA) also filed petitions contending that the government's decision to stop licence was a body blow to owners, trainers, jockeys, syces connected with the profession. Their livelihood was at stake and they were totally dependent on the racing activities. BTC too argued that mere filing of chargesheets should not stop the entire operations of the sport.

The government next contended that it had the prerogative to grant or deny licence under the Mysore Race Course Licensing rules (1952). However, Justice Krishna Kumar after arguments to the relief of the racing club passed an interim order, allowing BTC to resume its racing and betting operations.

It is learnt that the petitioners have filed a caveat in anticipation of the government appealing to the Division Bench.

It was a big moment and big relief for the club and the professionals associated with the sport.

'Consensual relationship no licence to assault woman'

The High Court has noted that a consensual relationship is no licence to assault a woman. The Court said so while hearing a petition filed by a man who sought quashing of assault charges against him made by a woman with whom he was in a consensual relationship for many years.

The complainant and petitioner were employees at different companies in the International Tech Park Limited. Their friendship flowered into a relationship, which lasted for more than five years, and throughout the period, the petitioner is said to have indulged in sexual activities with the complainant. A complaint was registered by the complainant against the petitioner in July 2022, alleging that the petitioner indulged in all the said activities on the promise of marriage and has breached the promise of marriage, therefore, he has committed offences punishable under Sections 376 (punishment for rape), 417 (deals with the punishment for cheating), 504 and 506 of the IPC. The registration of the crime then drove the petitioner to the doors of the High Court.

The counsel of the petitioner argued that the relationship between the two and the acts are all consensual. They emphasised on the fact that the complainant during the same period was in relationship with another man, against whom the complainant in February 2020 had registered a complaint alleging that he also had indulged in sexual acts on the promise of marriage. They pointed out that the complainant is habitual in registering repeated crimes on different men.

While the Court accepted that the relationship between the petitioner and the complainant was purely consensual and the acts too were so, it noted the fact as narrated in the complaint, on July 8, 2022, the petitioner assaulted the complainant. The beating led to injury and is depicted to be grievous.

Court does not find accused guilty of having breached promise of marriage, but allows probe into assault accusation

"If the allegation in the complaint made against the man is juxtaposed to the subject complaint, it becomes unmistakably clear that it is verbatim similar. The manner of narration is identical. Another factor that would become clear is that the complainant was sailing in two boats at the same time. Therefore, the offence alleged is the one punishable under Section 376 of the IPC, on such consensual acts on the specious plea that it was on promise of marriage and later, the promise of marriage has been breached, are all on the face of it false. It was a relationship, a consensual relationship. The complainant appears to be in the habit of indulging in such acts," the court said. Further, it noted that a perusal of the wound certificate would indicate there has been multiple bruises on the body of the complainant.

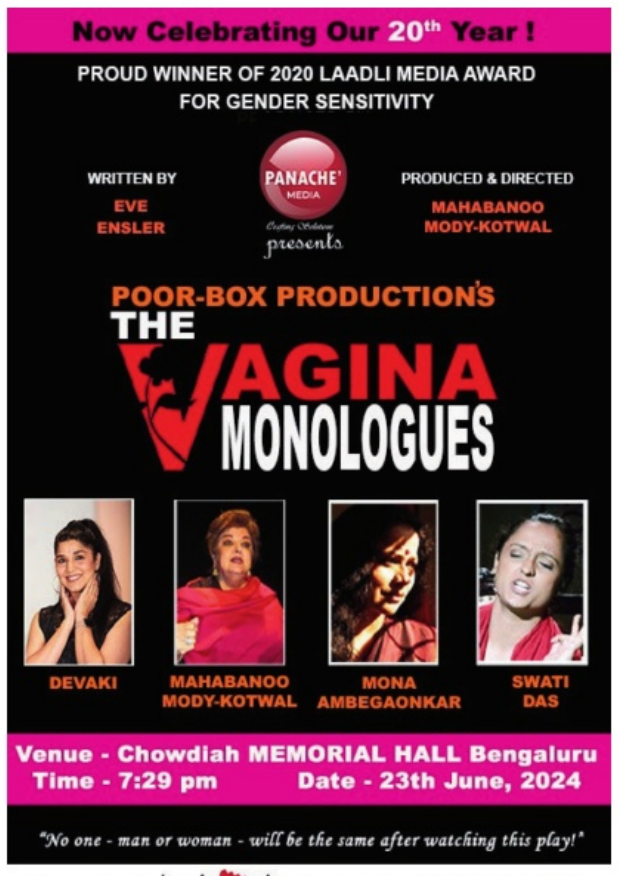
"The bruises are on account of assault by the accused. So, while the offence under Section 376 of the IPC or 417 of the IPC cannot be made out, the offence under Sections 323 and 504 of the IPC are prima facie met. It is open for the petitioner to avail of such remedy as is available in law if the investigation leads to filing of the charge sheet. I am permitting probe into the offences of assault on the score that any amount of consensus or a consensual relationship will not become a licence to the accused to assault a woman," said Justice M Nagaprasanna.

By-election to 1 seat on July 12

By-election to one seat of Karnataka Legislative Council, that was vacated by former Chief Minister and now Member of Parliament Jagadish Shettar, will be held on July 12, poll officials said on Tuesday.

The seat fell vacant as Shettar resigned from the MLC seat (elected by Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA)) on January 24. His term was supposed to end in June 2028.

The 68-year-old former state BJP President had quit the the party to join the Congress ahead of the state assembly polls last year after being denied the ticket. **PTI**



FARNAZ

Pipes supplying water to fountain damaged months ago not yet fixed

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that were damaged during the development of Subedar Chatram Road would be restored. But they are yet to honour their commitment even after 18 months. I am also aware of the condition of the fountain,'' said Maruthi, cashier, Navayuga Hotel.

Danger to pedestrians

The BBMP is well aware that stagnant water leads to increased mosquito breeding thus increasing the number of people suffering from dengue. Thousands of people use the nearby footpaths every day. If the authorities fail to remove stagnant water from the fountain, the walkers are prone to being bit by mosquitoes.

"It is the responsibility of the BBMP to direct the people maintaining the water fountain to keep it clean and neat. The BBMP authorities must demolish the skywalk. It is no longer safe for pedestrians to use the skywalk,'' said Prabhu N, a pedestrian.

It may be recalled that the BBMP planned to set up fountains at 40 traffic junctions in the city. The setting up of fountains was part of the action plan by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and the BBMP to improve air quality and reduce pollution in the city.

Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation emphasised on the need for better maintenance of public assets and public amenities built either for utility or ambience of the city.

"It is seen that we build public assets and never care to maintain it, while bills are passed and paid to maintain these public assets. The department concerned has to be audited annually and the officer in-charge should be held responsible and accountable for these lapses,'' said Vinod Jacob.

Stating that from the prominent KR Circle at the start of Nrupathunga Road to South End's Kuvempu Park, from Chalukya Circle to KG Road Flyover, fountains are lying dormant and used as a dustbin or now are a haven for larvae and algal slime from the recent pre-monsoon shower given the stagnant rainwater is left in them, R Rajagopalan, convenor, Bengaluru Residents Welfare Association said the courtyard fountain within BBMPs Head Office is no better shape.

"Some large and small fountains within parks are also not well maintained, perhaps not scoped in the contract. S

ince 2022, the three perpetually under construction islands at NR Square which have large fountains in them are work in progress and also retain rain water,'' said Rajagopalan.

BBMP Joint Commissioner (West) Yogesh T said that the fountain, irrespective of its ownership (private or BBMP), has to be clean. "I will direct the authorities concerned to fix this problem,'' said Yogesh.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) Suralkar Vikas Kishore said that measures were taken to keep water fountains at traffic junctions clean.

Cricketer Muralitharan to invest in beverages unit in K'taka

International cricketer Muttiah Muralitharan is set to make an investment in India with the establishment of a new beverages and confectionery unit in Badanakuppe, Chamarajanagara district, Karnataka.

The project, announced by Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil, is expected to attract a total investment of Rs 1,400 crore over multiple phases and aims to boost the local economy through job creation and infrastructure development. The announcement came following a meeting between Muralitharan and Minister Patil to discuss the project's details and its implications for the region.

The cricketer, who holds the world record for the most wickets in Test cricket, is diversifying his portfolio into the food and beverage industry with his new venture, "Muttiah Beverages and Confectioneries."

Initially, the project was planned with an investment of Rs 230 crore, but due to increased scope and scale, the total investment has been revised to Rs 1,000 crore, with plans to expand to Rs 1,400 crore over the coming years.

The minister mentioned that 46 acres of land have already been designated for the project, with manufacturing operations anticipated to commence by January 2025. He also stated that officials have been instructed to address minor issues concerning the allocated land. Additionally, Patil disclosed that Muralitharan intends to set up another unit in Dharwad in the near future.

K'taka had 39% deficit of rainfall last week

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alarmingly low. Linganamakki is at just 9% capacity, Supa at 21%, and Varahi at 10%. In the Cauvery belt, Harangi has 38% storage, Hemavathi 28%, Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) 29%, and Kabini 45%.

In the Krishna basin, Bhadra is at 21% capacity, Tungabhadra at 6%, Ghataprabha at 16%, Malaprabha at 17%, Almatti at 23%, and Narayanapura at 64%. Overall, the combined storage across all reservoirs in the state is only 21%.

However, Met department officials predict that the monsoon may become more active starting next week. Rajavel Manickam, a scientist at the India Meteorological Department (IMD), stated, "Due to strong wind convergence, heavy to very heavy rainfall, with extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places, is likely to occur over all the districts of Coastal Karnataka and the districts of Kodagu, Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, and Hassan in South Interior Karnataka from June 23 onwards.

Currently, a cyclonic circulation lies over the west-central Bay of Bengal adjacent to Coastal Andhra Pradesh at 3.1 km above mean sea level.

Additionally, there is a cyclonic circulation over Rayalaseema and its vicinity at 4.5 km above mean sea level. Another cyclonic circulation over the Southeast Arabian Sea off the Kerala coast at 0.9 km above mean sea level has become less marked."

Despite the gloomy start in the morning, Bengaluru City experienced an increase in temperature by afternoon. Over the next two days, the city is expected to have a generally cloudy sky with occasional light rain or thundershowers.

The maximum temperature is likely to be around 30°C, while the minimum temperature is expected to be around 21°C.

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I, Ashwini W/o Basayya Hemakeshayya Kulkarni R/o FF-006, B-block, Silver Oakgardens, 1st main, Kuvempu Nagar, Doddakallasandra, B'luru 560062 have changed my name to Ashwini Kathalagiri Mutt Affidavit Dt.18/06/2024 Notary Harisha G, B'luru

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 # On a song in Thailand
Actors NTR Jr and Janhvi Kapoor will soon shoot for a song from their upcoming film 'Devara: Part 1' in Thailand

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Inspirational life

Nasab, a biopic of a person from the Banjara community, is all set to arrive in theaters shortly. Its trailer and soundtrack were launched at Kalavidara Sangha on Sunday. On the occasion, Kishore Kumar Naik, personal secretary to the Commissioner of Collegiate Education, said the movie is based on his biography. "My parents had 14 children. My parents and siblings used to sell illicit liquor (sarai) but I focused on pursuing higher education and got a government job. Nasab not only showcases the Banjara community but also highlights how a youth gets a government job by pursuing higher education," said Naik.

Naik said his son Keerthi Kumar Naik has handled the megaphone apart from playing the lead in the movie. "My son was hesitant to direct this movie, but I insisted and motivated him. Later, he agreed to play the lead. I also played a character that appears in a dance sequence," he said. Keerthi Kumar Naik said he was grateful to his father for encouraging him to direct the film. "I thank the senior actors who helped me during the shoot," he said.

Song released

The song Naadasimha Kempegowda was released at Kannada Sahitya Parishat recently. HM Krishnamurthy aka Jedarahalli Krishnappa features in the song dedicated to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda and has also bankrolled it. .

Prominent personalities of Sandalwood were present on the occasion.

Jedarahalli Krishnappa said that he is an admirer of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda. "I play Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in the song and it is for the first time I played such a noble character. The work done and contributions made by Nadaprabhu Kempegowda to Bengaluru and surrounding places are commendable," he said. The song is released through AKG YouTube channel, he said.

Lyricist K Ramanarayan has written this song while Sridhar V Sambhram has scored its music. Shankar Mahadevan and Anuradha Bhat have sung it while Bhajarangi Mohan worked as a choreographer. "Preparations are on to make a movie on Nadaprabhu Kempegowda," he said.

Perfect date

Vedang imagines being in mountains, surrounded by nature

Actor Vedang Raina has revealed his "simple" idea of a perfect date, which includes being in the mountains, surrounded by the serene beauty of nature, with his partner.

"I imagine being in the mountains, surrounded by the serene beauty of nature, with my partner. The air is crisp and fresh, and you have a steaming cup of coffee in hand. Music plays softly in the background, blending with the sounds of rustling leaves and distant birdsong," Vedang told IANS.

The actor, who joined the 'Opening Move' campaign for the dating application Bumble, shared that this tranquil setting offers a "perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life."

"And spend some memorable moments with your date, allowing you to relax, reflect, and rejuvenate. It's a simple yet profound experience that soothes the soul," he said.

What does the actor, who is rumoured to be dating actress Khushi Kapoor, think are some engaging opening moves for men to kick off a conversation?

"Taking the first step can be intimidating, which is why Bumble's women-first approach is so commendable. It empowers women to initiate conversations on their own terms," he said.

He said that pick-up lines can offer a good laugh and break the ice, but they're not always the most effective way to start a meaningful conversation.

Vedang then shared his two cents on how to get a conversation started. "In my opinion, taking a slower, more thoughtful approach is much better. Instead of relying on catchy phrases, making a sincere effort to understand and connect with the other person creates a stronger foundation for a relationship," he said.

He also shared a tip on building a deeper connection. "By asking genuine questions and showing interest in their thoughts and experiences, you demonstrate respect and build a deeper connection." —IANS

Priyanka cheers Angelina's Tony win

In a heartwarming gesture, Priyanka Chopra took to social media to congratulate Angelina Jolie on her remarkable achievement at the Tony Awards, where the American actor-filmmaker's production 'The Outsiders' clinched the prestigious accolade for Best Musical.

Priyanka shared a touching message on her Instagram Stories on Tuesday, extending congratulations not only to Angelina but also to her daughter, Vivienne.

The 'Citadel' star posted a candid snapshot from the event, capturing Angelina Jolie and Vivienne in a celebratory moment.

Alongside the photo, Priyanka wrote, "Huge congratulations to this angel who deserves everything in life and more! Congratulations on winning the Tony for best musical for The Outsiders and also multiple awards and 12 nominations!! You're a force and I'm so inspired by you everyday @angelinajolie. Congratulations Vivienne."

'The Outsiders,' a compelling adaptation of the beloved novel by S.E. Hinton, delves into the dynamics of rival gangs in 1960s Oklahoma.

Angelina Jolie served as a producer on the project, with Vivienne contributing as a producer assistant, marking a significant collaboration between mother and daughter in the realm of theatre, according to Deadline.

At the Tony Awards event, Angelina Jolie graced the occasion in a stunning teal gown, elegantly paired with a matching shawl, while 15-year-old Vivienne radiated charm in a coordinated ensemble comprising a white shirt, teal vest, and pants.' —ANI

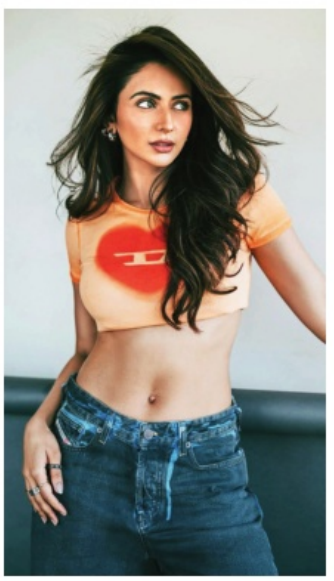
Happy on Sushi Day

Actress Rakul Preet Singh on Tuesday extended greetings to her fans on International Sushi Day by sharing an unseen picture.

Taking to Instagram stories, Rakul, who has 23.7 million followers, posted a picture of herself wearing a green outfit and sitting at a restaurant.

In the image, she is holding chopsticks and smiling cutely for the camera.

The actress, who was last seen in the Hindi film 'Chhatriwali', captioned the post: "Me waiting for my sushi be like!! #HappyWorldSushiDay to all sushi lovers!!"



International Sushi Day is celebrated to raise awareness about the truth and fiction surrounding sushi.

On the personal front, Rakul is married to actor-filmmaker Jackky Bhagnani. The duo tied the knot on February 21 in Goa.

Meanwhile, on the work front, she has 'Meri Patni Ka Remake' and 'Indian 2' in the pipeline. IANS

Ian McKellen injured in stage fall

The Lord of the Rings' actor Ian McKellen was hospitalized after a frightening accident during a performance of 'Player Kings' at the Noel Coward Theatre in London's West End.

According to Variety, the 85 year-old-actor suffered a fall during a battle scene, prompting an immediate response from theatre staff and emergency services.

The incident occurred during a pivotal moment in the production of William Shakespeare's 'Henry IV, Parts One and Two,' where McKellen portrays the character John Falstaff.

According to Variety, eyewitnesses described the scene as alarming, with McKellen reportedly losing his footing and falling off the front of the stage. Audience members were reportedly evacuated from the theatre, and the evening's performance was cancelled to focus on McKellen's well-being. —ANI

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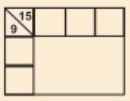

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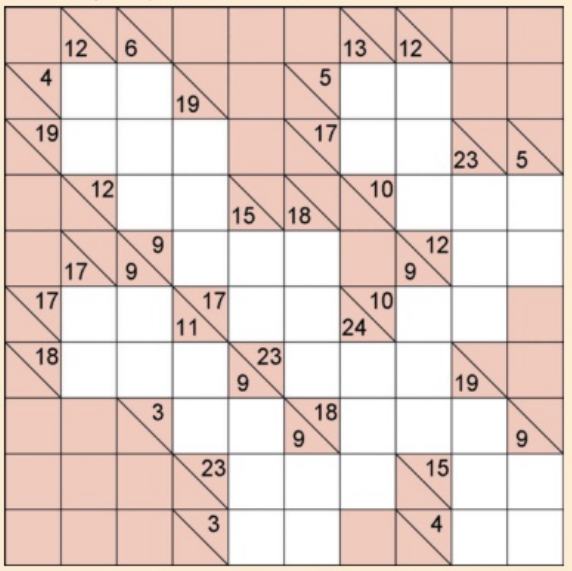

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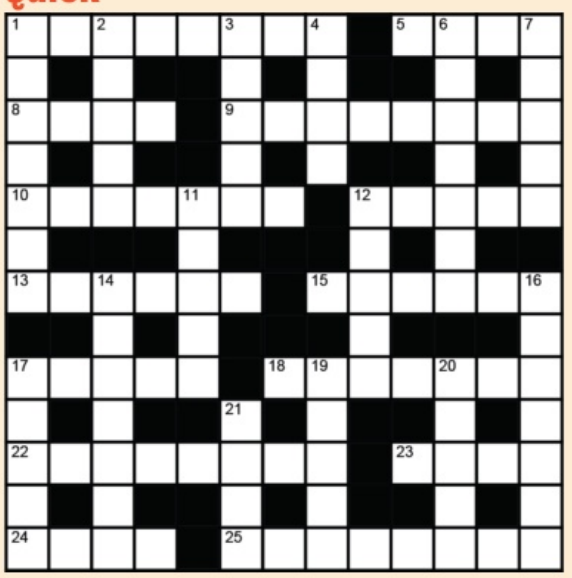

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1 Gave support to (6,2)
5 Self-satisfied (4)
8 Thomas ___ Edison : the famous inventor? (4)
9 Naval unit (8)
10 In serious trouble? (4,3)
12 Beijing is it's capital (5)
13 Consternation (6)
15 P in BBMP (6)
17 Alert or nimble (5)
18 Prologue or prelude to a book (7)
22 Kitted out (8)
23 Billy or Nanny (4)
24 Effortless (4)
25 Seasoning plant (8)

DOWN

1 Got on (7)
2 Assembly of witches (5)
3 Nightclub in short (5)
4 A stone fruit (4)
6 Cocktail of gin and vermouth (7)
7 Holy river for us Indians (5)
11 Side of a building (5)
12 Lifting machine (5)
14 Mistakes or blunders (4-3)
16 Liverpool's local rivals in the EPL (7)
17 Line of people (5)
19 Golfing trophy: ___ Cup (5)
20 In midst of (5)
21 A small stain (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS C

JUI TGE'Z OCFQ MCZZDEM UFVCX, YIZ JUI VUE'Z OGLC ZU MCZ UFV.

Linemaro

Where's the loony bin? You've driven me crazy

Mindchow

Until you are ready to look foolish, you'll never have the possibility of being great

Joke of the day

I bought some Armageddon cheese today, and it said on the packet. 'Best Before End'

Loop

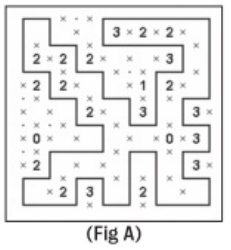
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

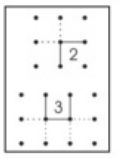
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

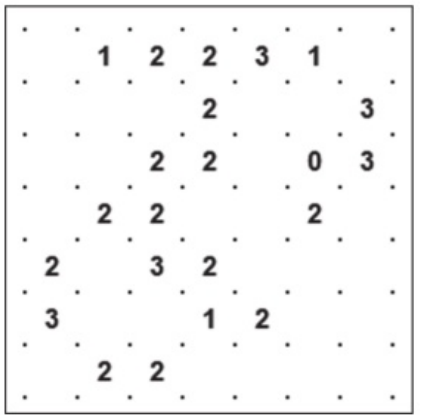
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



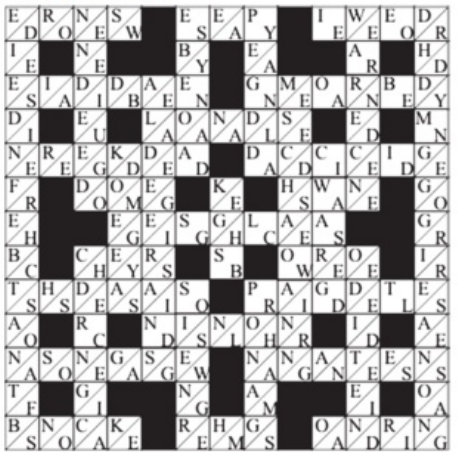
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



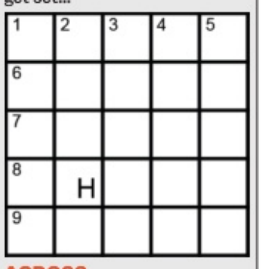
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Ask me; 6 Lamia;
7 Poors; 8 Hi Dot;
9 No kea

DOWN

1 Is mod; 2 Ala ho;
3 Pak OK; 4 Toe me;
5 Ranis

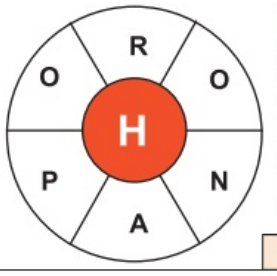
Mensapuzzle

Ho

7285 985 15574 688

317128 4693 2972

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5	4							
3			8			5		
	1	7		5			6	
4	7			3		9		
	9			6			1	
		2		8			7	6
	5			2		6	9	
		3			9			5
							3	1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 4

2 3 5 6

Medium = 7

2 3 5 7

Hard = 47

1 7 7 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

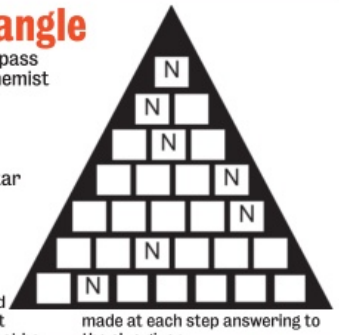
Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Fingers are not showing. 3. Foot is different. 4. Woman's shoulders are wider. 5. Back of chair is rounded. 6. Handle is missing from cup.

Riddler

Often I must strive with wind and wave, and battle them both when under the sea. I feel out the bottom, a foreign land; in lying still I am strong in the strife. If I fail in that they are stronger than I, and wrenching me loose, soon puts me to sea. They wish to capture what I must keep, but I can master them both if my grip holds out; if the rocks bring succor and lend me support and strength in the struggle. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 North on the compass
2 Sodium for the chemist
3 As well as
4 Daybreak
5 Depicted
6 Roam
7 Sound of Music star

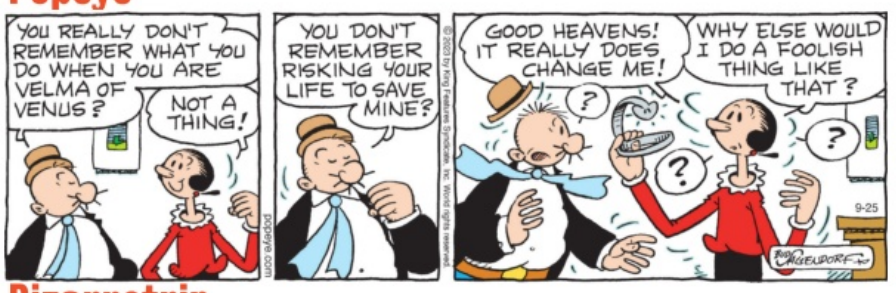


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye


YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE VELMA OF VENUS?
NOT A THING!
YOU DON'T REMEMBER RISKING YOUR LIFE TO SAVE MINE?
GOOD HEAVENS! IT REALLY DOES CHANGE ME!
WHY ELSE WOULD I DO A FOOLISH THING LIKE THAT?
9-25

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

I'M IN SPRING TRAINING
FOR WHAT?
FOR NOT MISSING WINTER AT ALL
DOESN'T THAT JUST COME NATURALLY?
NOT AT THE LEVEL I DO IT AT
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Hart of the city

GREAT NEWS, CLASS, I'M GONNA BE ON "AMERICAN NINJA WARRIOR"! MY RUN WILL BE TELEVISED!
THE PRODUCERS WILL BE HERE TOMORROW TO TAKE SOME FOOTAGE.
ARE WE GONNA BE ON TV!!??
HEART, PLEASE SIT DOWN.
WE'RE GONNA BE ON TV!!!
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Crankshaft

APPARENTLY THE UPX TRUCK ISN'T COMING...
I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A NAP...
DING DONG!
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you might implement new plans in your family business, promising gains in the near future. You could also be busy with family or social gatherings. Investing in creative artefacts to renovate your house may enhance your social status. Take care of issues related to teeth, ears, eyes, nose, and skin.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is favourable for you with good vitality and health. Enjoy your work, but be mindful to avoid arguments, as they could lead to family disputes. Control your speech for harmonious partnerships in business and family life. Job seekers may find suitable opportunities, and love birds should steer clear of unnecessary disagreements.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your energy levels may dip today, and old health issues could resurface, causing distress. Avoid adventurous activities and rush driving. Steer clear of legal entanglements, settling them outside of court. Planning an overseas trip might be on your mind.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may see profits from past investments and turn losses into gains. Implementing new ideas could propel your business forward. You might meet influential people who guide you towards success. Love birds may make decisions about marriage, and couples could receive good news regarding children. Job seekers are likely to find suitable positions.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Family and spouse support will enhance domestic harmony today. Despite work overload, make time for family gatherings. Professionally, you may achieve a strong position, especially with projects involving government agencies.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Elderly blessings bring clarity amidst confusion. Use wisdom to manage finances wisely. Spending on worthwhile things is favoured. Students may receive good academic news. Relationships with your spouse improve, fostering family harmony.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Until late evening, you may feel restless and anxious, affecting your domestic and professional life. Seek elders' guidance to navigate challenges. Things improve by late evening, bringing relief.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Expect praise for your work performance and potential promotions. Your rivals are subdued. Singles may find love at their workplace, and students may forge strong friendships. Those in the art, fashion, glamour, and interior design sectors may excel.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Meeting influential people could aid business expansion today. Your inner strength helps make tough professional decisions. Starting new ventures with friends or siblings is favourable. Exercise caution in signing contracts; review documents carefully.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Focus on children's education and career today. Positive news regarding academics is likely. Patience is advised for love matters. Investors should avoid risky assets to prevent potential losses.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Consider carefully before making decisions about relocating. Maintain peace of mind, despite concerns about children's health. Avoid speculative investments. Love birds should be patient before making important marriage decisions.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Your patience and meditation improve concentration, aiding project completion ahead of schedule. Colleagues' cooperation accelerates your progress. Short work-related travels are possible. An influential person may help expand your network.

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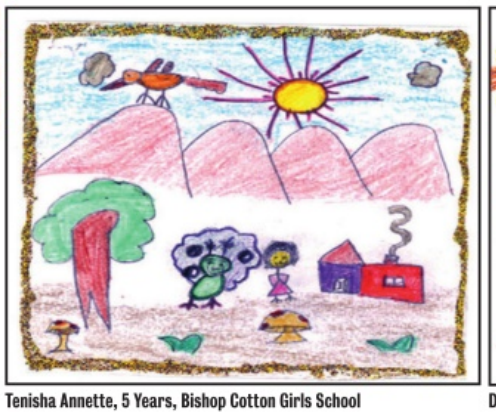

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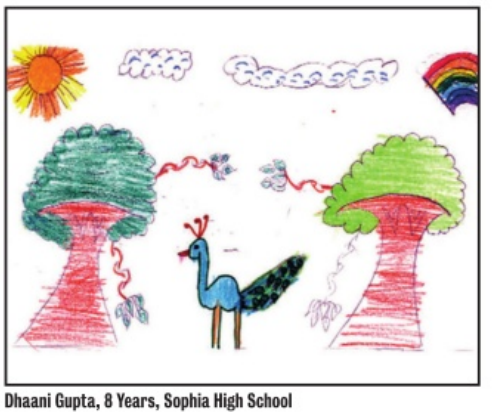

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= (-3√2).2 + (3√(-2/10)).3
= (9/4) – (2/10)
= ((9 x 5) / (4√5)) + ((-2 x 2) / (10 x 2))
= (45 + (-4) / 20)
= 41/20
= 2.05

BULL'S EYE
harp, HARPOON, hoop, horn, orphan

O	A	K	E	N
D	H	O	T	I
S	O	P	O	R
I	L	A	M	A
M	A	K	E	S

FAST FIVE

STRIKE OUT

S	O	A	K		E	M	S		O	D	I	N		

QUICK

E	A	S	Y		T	A	R	R	A	G	O	N		

MENSA PUZZLE
The answer is 4. The sum of the digits in each grouping totals 22.

RIDDLER
A ship's anchor.

QUOTE UNCODE
You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old.

SUDOKU

9	8	4	5	6	7	2	3	1
6	2	3	1	4	9	7	8	5
7	5	1	3	2	8	6	9	4
1	3	2	9	8	5	4	7	6
8	9	5	7	6	4	3	1	2
4	7	6	2	3	1	9	5	8
2	1	7	4	5	3	8	6	9
3	6	9	8	1	2	5	4	7
5	4	8	6	9	7	1	2	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, Na, And, Dawn, Drawn, Wander, Andrews.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 2 – 6 + 5 = 4
Medium
2 + 5 – 5 + 7 = 7
Hard
7 x 7 x 1 – 2 = 47

LOOP

KAKURO

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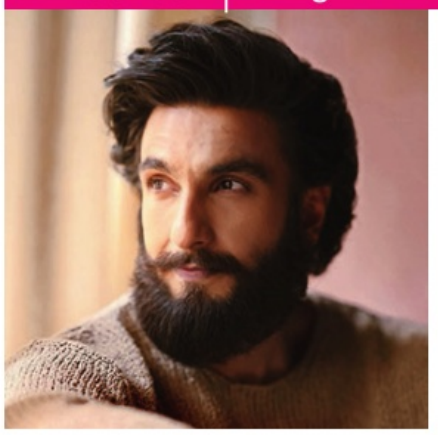

All hail Ranveer's new look

Actor Ranveer Kapoor recently left fans in awe as he shared a series of pictures showcasing his neatly trimmed beard.

The actor on Tuesday, dropped a series of pictures on Instagram account, flaunting his bearded look. In the pictures, the 'Ram Leela' actor wore a grey sweater as he posed looking away from the camera. As expected, the soon-to-be dad looked as handsome as ever.

Soon after Ranveer dropped the pictures, fans chimed in the comment section to wonder if this was Singh's look for Ayan Mukherji's Brahmastra Part 2.

Others praised the actor's dashing look.

One user wrote, "Facial hair goals."

Another user commented, "Your pictures make me happy."

"Such a hearththrob ji," penned a third user.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Ranveer's upcoming movie Rakshas with director Prasanth Varma has been shelved. Recently, the actor, along with the makers, issued a statement to reveal that the film isn't happening as of now. Ranveer said, "Prasanth is a very special talent. We met and explored the idea of a film together. Hopefully, we will collaborate on something exciting in the future."

Like Ranveer, Prasanth also assured fans that they would hope for an exciting collaboration in the future. "Ranveer's energy and talent is rare to find. We shall manifest our forces combining soon sometime in the future," Prasanth said. In the coming months, Ranveer will also be seen headlining Farhan Akhtar's 'Don 3'.

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